

[25th January 1928]

*Amendment of the State Aid to Industries Act.*

\* 1435 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer to my question No. 1082 answered on 2nd November 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether Government are taking steps to amend the present State Aid to Industries Act so that aid may be given to cottage industry workers acting in partnership with non-working capitalists who are prepared to co-operate with them with their share capital ?

A.—No.

*Aid to nascent and old industries.*

\* 1436 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether Government have under consideration the amendment of the State Aid to Industries Act so as to aid old as well as nascent industries and, if not, why not ?

A.—The Act already provides for grant of State Aid to nascent industries.

The Government have not yet examined the need for aid to old and established industries and no amendment to the Act is therefore under consideration.

**Public Works***Contributions for the construction of the Women and Children's Hospital, Mangalore.*

\* 1437 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have examined the rules regarding the centage contribution to the Public Works Department in connexion with the Women and Children's Hospital extension work in Mangalore ;

(b) whether the rules require that private and municipal bodies contributing for the extension and improvement of a Government institution like the Women and Children's Hospital in Mangalore should bear centage charges ;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to suitably alter the present rules so that private donations for such purposes may not be discouraged in future ; and

(d) whether the Government have passed any order or have come to any decision regarding the request of the Mangalore Hospital Extension Committee not to make any percentage reduction ?

A.—The Government have since re-examined the question whether centage charges are leviable in the case of Government works towards which private gentlemen or local bodies contribute a portion of the cost and have decided that they are not. This decision applies to the case of the Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore.